



WASATCH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

JULY 4, 2015: FATAL ATV CRASH IN CO-OP CREEK AREA

On July 3, 2015 at about 9:50 p.m., the Wasatch County Dispatch Center received multiple 911 calls with vague and conflicting information about a possible incident involving an all-terrain vehicle ("ATV") in the Strawberry Valley. The Wasatch County Search and Rescue ("SAR"), Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") and law enforcement responded to the area.

As first responders were en route, they found others involved in the incident and learned an ATV crash occurred in the Co-Op Creek area and one male had possibly been killed. Once the remote crash site was located, it was confirmed that a 35 year old male, Tommy James Necaise from Riverton, Utah had perished in the crash. The Utah State Parks investigated the accident. No other individuals were injured in the crash.

We extend sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Mr. Necaise. In addition, we would like to thank Captain Kam Kohler and the Wasatch County SAR Team and Director Clair Provost and Wasatch County EMS for their professionalism and skill in these difficult situations. We also appreciate the Utah State Parks, the United States Forest Service and AirMed/University of Utah Health Care for their assistance.

During this holiday weekend, it is important for those recreating to use safety equipment such as seat belts and helmets and to not operate motor vehicles under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It is also important to use ATVs in approved areas and to be cautious and careful in the use of ATVs.

For further information, please contact Chief Deputy Jared Rigby at 435-654-1098.